

REMARKS

Reconsideration is requested for claims 1-6.

Claims 1-5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Claims 1 and 6 have been amended and it is submitted that the claims comply with Section 112, second paragraph.

Claim 6 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by what is referred to as admitted prior art disclosed in FIGS. 1 and 2. Claim 6 to a plant for screening wood chips and for subsequently leading chips to a subsequent process has been amended and recites a combination of features including a dosing apparatus arranged downstream of the separating apparatus and adapted to continuously advance and dose separated pin chips among the chips that are to be led to the subsequent process upon the pin chips being separated by the separating apparatus. In the prior art apparatus shown in FIGS. 1 and 2, the separated chips are not continuously advanced but, rather, they are conducted into a bin 10 where they are held until they are conducted back into the stream 7.

It is respectfully requested that the claim amendments be entered after a final Official Action because they place the claims in condition for allowance.

It is respectfully submitted that all of the pending claims, claims 1-6, are in condition for allowance. Allowance is cordially urged.

If the Examiner should be of the opinion that a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any outstanding issues, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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